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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA - TURKEY'S ADDRESS IN GENERAL DEBATE,
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1. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL ANNOUNCED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD REACHED AN ACCORD WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER TO RESUME THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS, IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO ENTER INTO MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE THE GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP "HAS SPARED NO EFFORT TO UNDERMINE THIS ACCORD AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND THIS CASTING A SHADOW ON THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS." HE THANKED SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM FOR HIS EFFORTS AND STATED THAT WALDHEIM HAD RECENTLY HAD NEW CONSULTATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES.

2. CAGLAYANGIL DECLARED THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE TWO COMMUNITIES BE EQUALLY REPRESENTED IN EVERY INTERNATIONAL ARENA WHERE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IS DISCUSSED. THIS PRINCIPLE APPLIES ESPECIALLY TO THE UN WHERE PAST DELIBERATIONS HAVE HAD AN "ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS."

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3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CALLED "REMILITARIZATION" OF GREEK ISLANDS IN THE AEGEAN A "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL TREATIES." ALSO CITING THE DISPUTE ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE AEGEAN, CAGLAYANGIL PROFESSED TURKISH WILLINGNESS TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE ON ALL ISSUES.

4. CAGLAYANGIL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE RECENT EFFORTS FOR BRINGING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

5. TWO-THIRDS OF HIS SPEECH RELATED TO ISSUES OTHER THAN CYPRUS AND GREECE AND HE EMPHASIZED THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE MIDDLE EAST - CAGLAYANGIL CALLED FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, AND INTERNAL SOLUTION OF LEBANESE PROBLEM.

(B) INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE - CAGLAYANGIL CALLED FOR GA ACTION ON THIS IMPORTANT AREA.

(C) NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS - CAGLAYANGIL CITED NEED FOR FURTHER EVOLUTION OF NEW NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONSHIP BASED ON EQUALITY AND RECIPROCITY.

(D) DISARMAMENT - CAGLAYANGIL STATED THAT THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY HAD NEITHER PROVIDED SECURITY NOR AN END TO THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

(E) LAW OF THE SEA - CAGLAYANGIL ASCRIBED THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE LAST SESSION TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SUBJECT AND TO INDIVIDUAL NATIONS INTERPRETING THE DRAFTS DIFFERENTLY ACCORDING TO THEIR GEOGRAPHIC SITUATION. HE NOTED THE NEED FOR A BROAD, GENERALLY ACCEPTED SOLUTION WHICH AT THE SAME TIME COULD BE USED TO DECIDE SPECIFIC ISSUES.

6. IN EXERCISING GREECE'S RIGHT OF REPLY, THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE STATED HIS DEEP REGRET OVER THE "INACCURACIES AND DISTORTIONS" INCLUDED IN CAGLAYANGIL'S STATEMENT. HE STATED GREECE'S REJECTION OF THESE STATEMENTS AND ASKED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPLY TO TURKEY AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

7. PERMREP OF CYPRUS FOLLOWED SUIT AND REPLIED TO THE TURKISH STATEMENT DENOUNCING THE "AGGRESSIVE INVASION AND MILITARY OCCUPATION" BY TURKEY. HE CHARGED TURKEY WITH "ACTS OF SHEER FORCE IN ATTEMPTING TO CONSOLIDATE TERRITORIAL GAINS." HE DECRIED THE EXPULSION OF 200,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM THE NORTHERN AREA AND THE "ONGOING MASSIVE COLONIZATION BY

POPULATION FROM TURKEY." HE CALLED FOR THE COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION OF PAST UN RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO CYPRUS.

8. A TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE THEN REPLIED TO BOTH GREECE AND CYPRUS. TO GREECE, HE NOTED THAT NO REPLY WAS NECESSARY SINCE THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE MADE NO SPECIFICATION OF ALLEGED DISTORTIONS OR INACCURACIES. ALTHOUGH HE BELIEVED THAT THE CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE HAD COVERED THE POINTS THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THE CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER NEXT WEEK BEFORE THE GA, THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE FELT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO HOLD HIS REPLY UNTIL THE CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER HAD SPOKEN.
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